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Attached please find an Amendment and Remarks responsive to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2002 to be entered in the above. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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From Hydrogen Degradation)
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Sir:

This Amendment and Remarks is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 16,
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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 47 - 67.

REMARKS

The examiner has made a restriction requirement to either the device claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1 - 46; or the method claims of Group II, i.e., claims 47 - 67. Applicants elect the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1 - 46; therefore, claims 47 - 67 are canceled.

It is believed no fees are due. If any fee is seen to be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1848.

Respectfully submitted,
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